

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. **2 (A)**

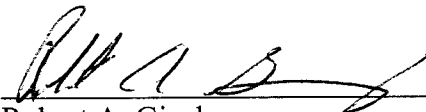
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: **June 15, 2005**

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution requesting
County Manager to direct
Miami-Dade Police Dept.
to develop policy relating
to use of Tasers

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle.


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County Attorney

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Agenda Item No.

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION REQUESTING COUNTY MANAGER TO
DIRECT MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP
A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY RELATING TO THE USE OF
TASERS AND TO REFRAIN FROM USING THEM ON
MINORS EXCEPT IN LIFE-THREATENING SITUATIONS

WHEREAS, there have been several recent incidents where Miami-Dade Police have used Tasers on minors; and

WHEREAS, there has been an expression of concern in the community that it may not have been necessary in every situation for Tasers to have been used; and

WHEREAS, this Board shares that concern; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department has pledged to conduct a comprehensive review of the Department's policies regarding the use of Tasers; and

WHEREAS, this Board endorses such a comprehensive review, with specific emphasis being placed on refraining from use of Tasers on minors except in situations where there is an actual threat to the life of the minor, the police officer, or the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board requests the County Manager to direct the Miami-Dade Police Department to develop a comprehensive policy relating to the use of Tasers and to refrain from using them on minors except in life-threatening situations.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and offered by Commissioner

, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of March, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. MAG/RAG

Murray A. Greenberg

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